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The Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan  
 United States Senate  
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Moynihan:

STAT Thank you for your letter of 13 November 1985 requesting a  
 [redacted] access for [redacted]

STAT Because of your long and distinguished service on the Select Intelligence Committee, you will doubtless recall our shared concern with the widespread dissemination of sensitive intelligence. As you know, we have sought to reduce the number of people exposed to such information. In 1979, the Director issued a paper entitled "Guidelines and Procedures for the Issuance of [redacted] Clearances to the Legislative Branch," a copy of which is enclosed. The paper was sent to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House as well as to the Chairmen of the Committees which require this type of information on a regular basis.

STAT We hope you will agree with the importance of adhering to these Guidelines and granting [redacted] clearances only to staff members of Congressional committees which have direct responsibility on such matters. Unfortunately, [redacted] does not qualify under the Guidelines because he is not employed by such a Committee.

STAT We know that you are sensitive to the fragile nature of certain sources of intelligence. Moreover, your experience on the Intelligence Committee will have convinced you that, in the vast majority of cases, it is possible to meet requirements for substantive intelligence without disclosing sources or methods of acquisition. We continue to brief personal staff with appropriate Secret or Top Secret clearances and a clear need to know on [redacted] information. In cases where such briefings are inadequate to meet a particular Congressional need, we will, of course, provide full briefings to Members.

It is not our intention to interfere with your work or that of any Member. We hope that you will believe as we do that the Guidelines constitute a reasonable response to a situation that was on the verge of becoming a serious threat to the security of sensitive intelligence sources and methods.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs  
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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